

Monarch's son murdered

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Three suspected cultists have shot dead the son of Olofa of Ofatedo in Osun State, Yinusa Okunoye, in his residence.

The killing reportedly occurred in the early hours of Saturday.

It was learnt that as the news of the incident spread, many aggrieved youths stormed the road leading to the community and barricaded it in protest.

A source in the community said the victim had a misunderstanding with the cultists, who went to his house located on Olofa Street, called him out of his room, and shot him in the chest.

When contacted, the spokesperson for the state Police Command, Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the incident, saying the police were on the trail of the suspects fingered in the crime.

She said, "it was reported at about midnight today that a group of suspected cultists numbering about three invaded No 5, Olofa Street, Ofatedo, called out one Yinusa Okunoye, aged 43 years, from his room, and shot him in the chest.

"The man later gave up the ghost. His corpse has been removed and deposited at UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital mortuary for autopsy. No arrest made yet but frantic efforts are on to arrest the suspects."

Meanwhile, protesting youths prevented vehicular movement into the community on Saturday, and searched the area for those suspected of killing the Monarch's son.

One of the protesters, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, said the father of one of the suspects had been apprehended and would be handed over to the police.